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Amendments To Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (currently amended) A real-time method for exchanging information between disparate computing platforms ~~a first computing platform and a second computing platform~~, said method comprising:
originating a request on a first computing platform for information located on a second computing platform;
translating said request into a predetermined format readable by said second platform;
and,
transmitting the translated request to said second platform;~~and~~
~~translating the translated request from the predetermined format into a format readable by said second platform.~~
2. (currently amended) The method of claim 1 wherein said predetermined format is a formatting mark-up language eXtensible Markup Language ("XML").
3. (original) The method of claim 1 further comprising:
accessing the requested information on the second platform;
translating the requested information into the predetermined format; and
transmitting the requested information to the first platform in said predetermined format.
4. (original) The method of claim 3 further comprising:
translating the requested information from the predetermined format to a format readable on the first platform; and
using the requested information on the first platform.
5. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said transmitting step uses an HTTP.
6. (original) The method of claim 5 wherein said HTTP transmission is secure.

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7. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said request includes authentication information for access to information on said second platform.
8. (original) The method of claim 7 wherein said authentication information comprises a user identification and a password.
9. (original) The method of claim 1 wherein said request includes information for locating the requested information on said second platform.
10. (currently amended) A system for sharing data comprising:
 - a first computing platform;
 - a second computing platform;
 - an interoperability component for translating requests coupled to both said first computing platform and said second computing platform.
11. (original) The system of claim 10 wherein said interoperability component is configured to translate data to a format readable by both said first computing platform and said second computing platform.
12. (original) The system of claim 11 wherein said interoperability component is further configured to transmit data between said first computing platform and said second computing platform.
13. (currently amended) The system of claim 11 wherein said interoperability component is configured to translate data to ~~an~~ a mark-up language eXtensible Markup Language ("XML") format.
14. (currently amended) A method of translating data into a mark-up language an XML format comprising:
 - receiving a request for information;

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parsing said request into one or more different fields of information; and
creating a mark-up language ~~an XML~~ format of the request by delimiting each of said
fields with an identifying tag or pair of tags.